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Dear Ms Evans

**MANDALONG SOUTHERN EXTENSION PROJECT – SSD-5144 MODIFICATION 3
STATEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS**

I refer to the Statement of Environmental Effects (SEE) exhibited on the NSW Planning & Environment website in relation to the Mandalong Southern Extension Project Modification 3.

The Mandalong underground coal mine is located approximately 35 km south-west of Newcastle in the Lake Macquarie Local Government Area. The modification seeks to increase the annual production limit from 6 million tonnes per annum to 6.5 million tonnes per annum.

The SEE has been reviewed by Hunter New England Population Health (HNEPH) with particular attention paid to management of air quality, noise, water and other issues that may impact on public health. The SEE states that the modification will result in minor increases in air emissions, while remaining within National Environment Protection (Ambient Air Quality) Measure (NEPM) criteria. For this reason HNEPH considers the modification would have minimal health impact.

Should you require any additional information in relation to the above, please telephone Ms Allison Garrett, Environmental Health Officer on 4924 6477.

Yours sincerely



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